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**Public Notice:**  
**Proposed Underground Storage Tank Case Closure**

**Sierraville Service and County Store (T10000009540)**

**Case No. 460018**

**126 South Lincoln Street**  
**Sierraville, Sierra County, CA**

Sierraville Service and Country Store (Sierraville Service) fuel station located at 126 South Lincoln Street in Sierraville, California has cleaned up a petroleum release associated with its underground storage tanks (USTs). The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is providing you an opportunity to comment regarding the proposed cleanup case closure.

In October 2016, Sierraville Service hired the consulting firm McGinley & Associates Inc. (McGinley) to collect soil and groundwater samples prior to installing a new UST system. The samples contained petroleum, which indicated that a release had occurred.

In response, L.A. Perks Petroleum Specialists removed the UST system and approximately 720 cubic yards of petroleum impacted soil for disposal. In March 2017, Caltrans encountered additional petroleum impacted soil during the replacement of the culvert in its right-of-way. Al Pombo, Inc. removed approximately 60 cubic yards of petroleum impacted soil for disposal.

From April 2017 to January 2019, McGinley advanced ten direct-push soil borings (B1 through B10) and installed seven groundwater monitoring wells (MW-1 through MW-7). From May 2019 to January 2020, McGinley monitored and sampled groundwater during four quarterly events. Sierraville Service removed most subsurface petroleum, and residual groundwater impacts are low and decreasing in concentration. Based on these data, McGinley submitted the *Request for Case Closure Report* on behalf of Sierraville Service. Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the request for regulatory closure and based on the data concluded the case meets the criteria for closure. The Central Valley Water Board is issuing this notice and providing a 60-day public comment period to the owners and residents of all properties near Sierraville Service and other interested parties. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider comments they receive when evaluating the case closure.

**Public Comment Period:** August 7, 2020 through October 12, 2020

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can obtain additional information on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>). Please contact Galvin Kauffman with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental cleanup activities at Sierraville Service:

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## Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (916) 464-3291 regarding the Public Notice for the proposed UST case closure of Sierraville Service and County Store.

**Figure 1**  
**January 2020 Benzene Concentrations in Groundwater**



Source: March 11, 2020 *First Quarter 2020 Groundwater Monitoring Report*, McGinley & Associates. Available on the GeoTracker website.